16th February, 1959

Dear Josh,

It certainly would be nice to have a joint holiday around the time of the CIBA meeting, so I'll get in touch with you again after you reach Milan.  You will meet Donald Michie there in May, who is probably coming to the South of France with us anyway. He's a colleague of mine here in the university, and he is giving some lectures in Italy through some arrangement which Cavalli has made.

I do hope that you will have had a chance of getting to know Jim Gowans by now.

I liked Elizabeth Russell very much indeed while I was in Bar Harbor (and doubtless would do so new, though it's five years since we've spent any time together).  She was the really sane person there through the long Maine winter, when everyone else was getting on one another's nerves.  From that point of view, I think you would be lucky to get her.  Also, I admire her work very much. ' The papers which she has been writing along with Beatrice Mintz and Will Russell seem to me to be really substantial.  I should have thought that your main problem is: do you want someone who is already firmly established in a classical field of research ? I believe that she has a lot of ideas about gene-action in bone marrow cells (haemoglobin, W alleles), but it would surprise me if she would ever become a whole-hearted cell geneticist.  That's a way of saying, I suppose, that If I was in her shoes I shouldnt choose to do so.

It would be enormous fun to come out to Stanford for the sort of time you suggest.  I'll have to go carefully, having already had rather a whack of leave.  But I'm doing just that, and will let

you know what comes up.

Yours ever,

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